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SCUM TREATMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(I), attached is a check in the amount of \$130.00 for processing and retention of the instant application.

This application is being retained in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) for purposes of establishing priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for a continuation in part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 Attorney Docket No. LINDE-0616-P01, filed July 6, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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